CALIFORNIA'S CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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Cotton - *Upland cotton* production is forecast at 1.50 million bales as of December 1, unchanged from the November forecast and 31% above last year. *American Pima cotton* production is forecast at 600,000 bales, 70% above last year's crop. The 259,000 acres for harvest are up 44% from last year. Harvest progressed rapidly through most of November and was virtually complete by month's end. Very little rain fell in the cotton growing regions, and there were few, if any, harvest delays.

Dry Edible Beans - *Dry Edible Bean* production is estimated at 2.6 million cwt., 27% above last year. Harvested acreage totaled 132,000, which is 26% above last year. The overall yield was 1,970 pounds per acre, up slightly from last year. **Corn** - *Corn* for grain production is expected to total 1.22 million tons, 5% above last year. Harvested acreage, at 235,000, is 10% below last year. The yield forecast is 5.18 tons per acre, up 16% from last year.